



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Draft Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit Renewal Proposed for ECS Refining Facility Santa Clara, California



PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: November 10 through December 24, 2008

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED? The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites you to review and comment on the proposed renewal of the Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit, Series A, for ECS Refining (ECS) located at 705 Reed Street in Santa Clara. ECS Refining is a metal recycler that operates a hazardous waste treatment and storage facility.

The current Permit authorizes operation of the following units: Photochemical Processing Unit, Vacuum Evaporation Unit, Hot Pot Furnace, Tray Furnace, 600 Crucible Furnace, 430 Crucible Furnace, Storage Area I, Storage Area IIa, Storage Area IIb, and Storage Area IV.

The Draft Standardized Hazardous Waste Facility Permit (Draft Permit) also proposes to add the E-Waste/Printed Circuit Board Shredder and CRT (Cathode Ray Tube) Glass Washing Unit as permitted units.

DTSC regulates the generation, storage, treatment and disposal of hazardous waste in California. A Permit enables DTSC to effectively regulate the hazardous waste management activities at facilities. Permits are developed after DTSC's detailed technical review, and are intended to ensure that the facility operates in a manner that protects human health and the environment.

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT – NEGATIVE DECLARATION: DTSC evaluated any possible environmental impacts associated with the proposed operation of this facility, as required by the California Environmental Quality Act. DTSC has completed an Initial Study and prepared a Draft Negative Declaration which states that the hazardous waste facility would not have significant impacts to human health and the environment. The findings are available for public review and comment.

WHY THIS NOTICE? The purpose of this notice is to provide you with the opportunity to learn more about the Draft Permit and to provide comments to DTSC, within forty-five (45) days of this notice.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE? Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the Draft Permit may be submitted in writing to Amber Harmon, DTSC Project Manager, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, California 94710, or e-mail Aharmon@dtsc.ca.gov. All mailed comments must be postmarked by 5 pm on **December 24, 2008**. E-mailed comments must be received on the same date.

On **December 9, 2008** a **public meeting** for the ECS Refining Facility will be held at 6:30 pm at the Santa Clara City, Central Park Library located at 2635 Homestead Road in Santa Clara.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION? A copy of the Draft Permit and CEQA Notice of Exemption is available for review in the Information Repositories located at Mission Library Family Reading Center, 1089 Lexington Street, Santa Clara, 95050 and Department of Toxic Substances Control, Berkeley Regional Office, 700 Heinz Avenue, Berkeley, 94710.

CONTACT: If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Amber Harmon, DTSC Project Manager, at (510) 540-3779 or by e-mail to Aharmon@dtsc.ca.gov. For public participation activities, please contact Kim Rhodes, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (916) 255-3651 or by e-mail to Krhodes1@dtsc.ca.gov. Members of the media should contact Claudia Loomis, DTSC Public Information Officer at (916) 255-6578 or by e-mail to Cloomis@dtsc.ca.gov.